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9th Division

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List of Routine [illegible] Papers for 1852

[illegible] Public Works Madura Collector's Office.

[illegible] received.		Substance. 3
[illegible]	[illegible] M. D	Communicating Govt. Sanction for the [illegible] of Rs 3007-4-- to [illegible] a Talook Cutchery [illegible] Manaparay.
3/1852 210	Collector of Tinnevelly	Informing that the people of Shengolaee & other villages [illegible] entered into a compromise and consented to the Mirasidars of Nagaravy Coomelum[illegible] constructing a [illegible]gulatin Dam across the Surplus Channel of Shengolaee Moorooganarey at their own expense.
[illegible]233	Sub-Collector	Correspondence relative to the [illegible] estimate for the repairs of the Bridge [illegible] in the [illegible]

List of Retainab[illegible] [illegible] for 18[illegible]
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	From whom received.	
1	Civil Engineer 8th Div	Correspon[illegible] ding to the [illegible] of a Sl[illegible] tank.
	do	Correspondence [illegible] ting to the re[illegible] the Tiroona[illegible] channel.
[illegible]57. 84	Civil Engi[illegible] [illegible]er 8th Div	Correspondence relating to the repairs to the Net[illegible] goor Tank.
[illegible]. 92	do	Concerning the openin[illegible] of a new channel by the inhabitants [illegible] [illegible] Coorenuto[illegible] to their fields, provi[illegible] they do not make [illegible] channel greater in breadth.

List of Retainable papers for 1852

Received Letters Public Works Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
1/3/52	31	Civil Engineer 8th Division	Correspondence relating to the estimate for the repair of the Chitt... Dams.
~~2/4/52~~	~~97~~	~~do~~	
4/52		do	Intimating that he has given instructions for the carrying on of the repairs to the Aqueduct across the Supplying Channel of ... Tank.
1/4/52	113	do	Forwarding a... for repair of ... between the ... pattur ... ying on the ...

List of Retainable [illegible] 1892.

Public [illegible] Madura Collector's Office

[illegible] received.	Substance.
Civil Engineer 8th Division	Forwarding an estimate for the construction & repair of a [illegible] at Collarundsdam [illegible] road No 2[illegible] [illegible] by Govt [illegible] [illegible] pending on the [illegible]
152 .. Asst Surveyor	Forwarding a detailed report of the proceedings that took place with the Piramally Tanks [illegible] [illegible] consequent on some encroachment made from the Thoonai [illegible] Calingulah
Civil Engineer 8th Division	Correspondence relating to the subject of [illegible] channel repairs
	Forwarding an estimate for bridging the Gundaur River one mile south of Tirumangalam on Road No 4.

List of Retainable papers for 1852

Received Letters Public Works Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
[illegible]/52	238	Civil Engineer 8th Divn	Forwarding plans of 3 bridges on Road No. 14 in the Shevagunga Zemindary from the funds of that estate
[illegible]/52	249	do	Detached Correspondence relating to the repair of roads in the Dt.
[illegible]/52	..	Ass. Commr	Forwarding Information that some inhabitants of Some Small Streets leading into Butcher's Shop on the East side, are willing to pay for the Construction of Drains.
		8 [illegible]	
[illegible]/52	248	Civil Engineer 8th Divn	Forwarding a memo of Corrections to be applied to the Estimate for Constructing a bridge of arches across the Gundar on Road No. 4 from Madura to [illegible]

List of Retainable papers for 1852

Received Letters. Public works Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
7/9/52	..	C. E.	Submitting a list of the [illegible] report of the obstructions to the road work in the South [illegible] by Certain Mussulmans
14/9/52	266	Civil Engineer 8th Divn	Correspondence relating to the Setara Japuram bridge
27/9/52	..	Assistant Secy 8th Divn	Forwarding an estimate for Drains in the Town of Corresponding on the Same
2/11/52	222	Lieut Commanding Madura	Informing that all the houses except the Stated number, in the Lines Can be disposed of

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List of Retainable papers for 1852

Received Letters Public Works Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
[illegible]/52	32[illegible]	Civil Engineer 8th Divn	Suggesting the necessity of constructing a bridge in lieu of a pavement on Road No. 28 in the limits of Sattangudy.
[illegible]/52	91	Sub. Collr	Forwarding a letter from the Civil Engineer on the subject of the Bullapoontatti Parellavai[illegible]
[illegible]/52	"	Sub-Judge	Forwarding an Istyar issued in O. S. No. 114 of 1852 on the file of the Madura Sub Court
[illegible]/52	"	Sub. Asst Surveyor	Correspondence relating to the estimate for building a Cutcherry in the Kaunoor Taluq, to be erected at Sheva-gangah.
30/ [illegible]/12/52	356	Civil Engineer 8th Divn	Forwarding a plan and estimate for erecting an additional ward to low caste patients & a dead room to the Civil Hospital of Madura

List of Retainable papers for 1352.

Received Letters. Public works. Madura Collector

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
1/12/52	358	Civil Engineer 8th Divn	Forwarding for sanction of Govt an estimate for Constructing a filed Communication between the Periyakulam & Dindigul forming the Sub-Collector's cutcherry
30/12/52	369	Do	Correspondence relating to the supply of materials by contractors for P.W.D.

From

To

Collector of ...

Sir

In reply to your letter No. ... ed 29th Ultimo, forwarding Copy of a Yadas... from Ensign Lawford representing that two houses and one bazaar in the Northern Suburb of Poontha-lagoody, termed Lingapoory, and some Pariah's huts at the southern entrance to the town require to be re-moved to make room for the new Cotton Road, and suggesting that some compensation may be given to the parties concerned, I have the honor to state that I see no objection to your paying such compensation out of the sanctioned Estimate, provided the amount remaining in hand for the portion of road between Aroopoocotta and Punthalagoody will admit of it.

It was I who suggested to Ensign Lawford that a small compensation might be

given

...d them in rebuilding
...I do not contemplate
...wealthier natives
...I mistake not,
...ent have no right
...Should you however
...also are entitled to compensa-
...from the Estimate, provided, as
said, that there is sufficient balance in

It will be proper for me perhaps to
report the circumstance to the Board of Revenue
...the D.P.W. and to enable me to do so I
shall feel obliged by your favoring me with a
copy of the Police Ameen's Report shewing the
amount of Compensation proposed to be given to
the several parties.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

[illegible] Captain

Civil Engineer 8th Dn

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn

Cokonada [illegible]

5th January 1852

From the Civil Engr

8th Division

5th January 1852

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Extract from a letter from the Civil Engineer 6th Division to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works dated 17th January 1852 No. 27.

Para 2. There still remain Nos. 3 and 6 leading to Madura and Dindigul the improvement of which is urgently required. For the former an estimate amounting to Rupees 3873.9.6 was submitted to Government on the 26th July 1850 but sanction was not granted. I have lately inspected the more important part of that road and found that the injuries it has received since my last report are such as to render the preparation of a fresh estimate necessary. The part referred to lying between the 3rd and 6th milestones very much resembles the Tanjore road beyond Sivagoody and it was formerly being carried over a plain of false salt soil

is intersected by the river Corayaur which overflows a great extent of ground. The road was some years ago raised and gravelled and provided with 2 tunnels partly by subscription, partly by the discretionary funds and by an outlay on estimate of Rupees 993.6.6, but as no proper means of repair have been available, much of the gravel is entirely broken up, and the road will soon be completely ruined.

3. The Corayaur is a rapid stream flowing from the Tondiman's Country and falling into the Wryacondan near the Artillery Barracks at Trichinopoly from which it is discharged into the Cauvery over an extensive Calingulah. The level of the bed is thus unavoidably raised and during its frequent floods it occasions most serious obstruction to the Southern communication. A bridge

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is therefore very much required across the river but cannot be safely built until the bed is first rectified and embanked.

4 The Collector of Madura has recently requested the aid of Mr Bird and myself in completing the communication between the two District Capitals and the traffic is undoubtedly such as to justify a large outlay as the line must be considered an Extension of the Trunk Road N: 8

5 I estimate the thorough repair of the road roughly at 6000 Rupees which will cover its outlay for three years, and the Corayaur bridge and embankments would cost about 7000 Rupees.

6 The Dindigul road for the first four or five miles is similar to the above, but by carrying the line along the old Coimbatoor Road as far as the Corayaur

the

the construction of a new bridge will be avoided. The expenditure on this line to the district boundary will probably amount to about the same as that required for the Alaur road and will last for the same period.

7 Nearly all the works required on these roads are in dry or unirrigated land and will be most efficiently and economically executed between the months of July and January when the soil is moistened by rains and water is easily obtained for gravelling. The river embankments should be constructed in the dry season in order that the freshes may cause the required adjustment of the bed and the foundations of the bridge may be laid in the following year, but it is not expedient to allow a longer interval, because the immediate effect

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of the embankment will be to deepen the river and make the communication more difficult than at present.

8 My Department is so weak that I am very anxious to avoid making any unnecessary estimates and I would therefore suggest that the orders of Government be applied for and in the event of their proving favorable no time shall be lost in forwarding the proper

9 Copies of this letter have been furnished to the Collectors of Madura and Trichinopoly in case the opinions of these Officers should be called for.

Despd 20th January 1832. (True Extract)

To R. L. Parker Esqr
Collector of Madura
for information

Crawford
Civil Engineer 6 Divn

No. 21

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.
Cokracolum, 26th January 1852

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esqre.
Collector of Madura

Sir,

As requested in your letter No. 8 dated 22nd Instant, I have the honor to furnish you with working Plans of the Bridge and 2 Tunnels to be constructed on Road No. 15 between Sholavandan & Sullapully in the Maudacolum Talook under the Sanction of Government dated 13th December 1851.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant

W. H. Horsley Capt.
Civil Engineer 8th Divn.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.
Cokracolum, 26th January 1852

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Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn
Nanganchery, 16th Feby /52

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esqre
Collector of Madura

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue in the D. P. W. No. 110, dated 9th February 1852, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to favor me with your opinion as to the propriety or otherwise of recommending that the responsible parties in the matter of the Poiany Aur Anicut in the Ramgherry Talook should be excused paying any part of the loss sustained by the accident which happened to that work by the fresh of September, & subsequent one of November 1850, and the grounds on which you propose to absolve the said parties from the prescribed penalty for the information of the Board.—

My own opinion is that the

Tahsildar is not entirely free from blame and that had he exerted him-self he might have completed the Ani-cut a month or six weeks earlier, in which case, I believe it would have met with comparatively little injury.

I would suggest, therefore, that one half of the sum required to put the work in the state it was when the fresh of September occurred should be levied from the Tahsildar and those under him, who were employed in su-perintending the work, in the propor-tion of two thirds from the Tahsildar and one third from the other servants conjointly, and that Government should be solicited to sanction the other moiety, on the grounds, that the fresh-es of 1850 occurred somewhat earlier than usual, and that the fresh which injured the Anicut was an extraordi-narily high one, bringing down with it large trees, and otherwise severely trying the new work.

The sum required to re-place the injured portion, exclusive of Rs. 71. 7. 6 remaining from the Es-

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-timate, is Rupees 114. 5. 6. _ Two thirds of a moiety of this would be Rs 38. 1. 10 and the remaining third Rs 19. 0. 11, the former to be collected from the Tah-sildar and the latter from the subor-dinate Servants employed on the work in shares proportionate to their respon-sibility. _

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt Servant

W. H. Horsley Capt
Civil Engineer 8th Divn

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Divn
Nangancherry, 16th February 1852

No. 191.

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March 6/52

Tinnevelly Trichendoor
3d March 1852

From
C. J. Bird Esqr.
Collector

To
R. D. Parker Esqr.
Collector of
Madura

Sir

From a Yadasht addressed to me by the Sub Collector of this District under date 24th Ultimo. Copy of which and of its enclosure is herewith transmitted for your information, it would appear that the Bund of the Caresulcolum Tank in Soondrapandien Village of the Madura District having been extended beyond its former limits contrary to the decision of a Punchayet which sat on the dispute in 1818, 20 Chains of Poonjah land attached to the Veppelpottel Village in the Streevillyputoor Talook are covered with water and that it is understood that an Estimate has been recently framed for further extending

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the same bund. It appears also that the Tahsildar of the Tirovmungalum Talook has not noticed 2 letters addressed to him by the Streevillypootoor Tahsildar upon the subject of this encroachment.

Under these circumstances I have the honor to request you will be so good as to issue orders to stay the execution of the above estimate and to order the Tirovmungalum Tahsildar to meet the Tahsildar of the Streevillypootoor Talook at the spot on some day to be appointed by the latter after your acquiescence in this proposal has been received for the purpose of settling the dispute in question.

Tinnevelly
Trichendoor
3d March 1852

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.

P. Hird
Collector

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March 12/52

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No. 188.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works Under date the 4th March 1852.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Transferring for disposal to this Department a letter with its enclosures from the Collector of Madura recommending the construction of 3 Bridges on the road from Tondey to Madura & the execution of certain repairs and masonry works on the road from Ramnad to that district within the limits of the Shevagunga Zemindary according to the Estimates forwarded for that purpose amounting to Rupees 16,138-15-8 to be defrayed from the Devastanum funds of Shevagunga & observing that the Board see no objection to the appropriation of the surplus for the required works. (Recd Enter 26 Jan/52 No 16)

The Board of Revenue sanction the Estimates submitted with the letter of the Collector of Madura dated Decr 17/51 and amounting to Rupees (16,138-15-1) Sixteen thousand one hundred & thirty eight, Annas fifteen and Pie one.

(A true Extract)

J. H. Bell
Secy B.R. D.P. Works.

Desp'd 9th Mch/52

To
The Collector
of Madura

March 9/52 ROP

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Department of Public Works

No. 107

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying
December 17th/51. letter from the Collector of Madura requesting permission to proceed with the construction of the Cutcherry for the Ramghery Talook of that district at Manapary, agreeably to the sanction granted on the 1st
No. 654 June 1847.

2. It will appear from a former
October 30th/47. letter from the Collector herewith also submitted that the work was suspended in consequence of a representation of the want of good water at Manapary; but as the Collector now finds that the reports upon the subject were exaggerated and that

Manapary

Manapary is in other respects convenient for the Cuspah station, & is desirous to proceed with the new building; the present Cutcherry at Toveranevorly being inconveniently situated, unsuitable and out of repair.

The Board accordingly direct me to solicit renewed sanction for the estimate amounting to Rupees (3007.4) three thousand and seven and Annas four.

I have the honor &c
Madras 5th February 1852 } (Signed) J. H. Bell.
Secy Bd of Rev: D.P.W.

Public Works Department

No 69.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 28th February 1852.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council renews the sanction conveyed in Extract Mins: of Cons: of the 1st June 1847, for the construction of

of a talook Catcherry at Manapary in the district of Madura, at an estimated cost of Rupees/3007. 4. "/ three thousand and seven and Annas four.

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Chief Secretary

To
Bd of Rev: D.P. Works.

No. 176.

Ordered that copy of the foregoing Correspondence be communicated to the Collector of Madura and Civil Engineer 8th Division

Madras
4th March 1852
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J. H. Bell
Secy Bd of Rev. D.P.W.

To
The Collector
of Madura

Compd. [illegible]

No. 215.

Tinnevelly Trichendoor
10th March 1852

From,

C. J. Bird Esquire
Collector

To,

R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of
Madura

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 23rd December last I have the honor to inform you that the people of Theocolum Mosroo-ganairy and Nadayanairy Theval-colum &ca therein alluded to, having entered into a compromise and consented to the Merassidars of Nadayanairy Coomelumcolum constructing a Regulating Dam across the surplus channel of Theocolum Mosrooganairy at their own expense, the Sub Collector has

has directed the Tahsildar of the Streevillyputtoor Talook in this District to bring this circumstance to the notice of the Civil Engineer or his Subordinates when proceeding to the neighbourhood of that place.

It appears from the Streevillyputtoor Tahsildar's Urzee that copies of the above Razeenamah and other documents have been forwarded to you by the Tahsildar of the Teroomunga-lum Talook.

Tinnevelly
Trichendoor
10th March
1852

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

C. J. Bird
Collector

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Ambuttray 17th March 1852

From J. Clarke Esquire
Sub Collector

To R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

Sir

1. With reference to the Note affixed by you to the Civil Engineer's Letter of the 8th herewith & the enclosed original Arzee with its enclosure from the Tahsildar of Nellacottah dated 14th February 1852, I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to inform me of the amount to be collected from the Tahsildar of Nellacottah, for the repair of the Bridge carried away in the Cunnevady limits.

To be returned

2 It has been decided that the bridge was carried away in consequence of the carelessness & neglect of the Tahsildar to get the repairs of the same, amounting to Rupees 25-8-" estimated for, in December 1849 completed in any reasonable time.

3 This bridge the Tahsildar states originally cost in 1842 Rs 70-3-" the Estimate for the same having been Rs 74-14-0, but to reconstruct it, an estimate has been prepared by the Assistant Civil Engineer, amounting to Rupees 104-15-8 the bridge before its destruction had sustained injuries to repair which it

was estimated would cost to Rs 25 – 8 – No part of this Rs 25½ has been expended.

4 Considering the amount of the Tahsildar's pay which is only 50 Rupees per mensem it appears to me that he will be sufficiently punished if he is made to pay the original cost of the Bridge, deducting the estimated amount of the injury it had sustained before it was carried away or Rupees 44 – 11 – "

5 I have further to request you will inform me what estimate is to be followed in reconstructing this bridge.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Hunt
Sub Collector

251/1852

From B. Sub Collr. Belgaum
17th March 1852
With an enclosure.

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Civil Engineer's Office 8th D
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22nd March 1852.

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From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esqre
Collector of Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 329, dated 18th Instant, transmitting Copy of a letter from Renga Row to the Tahsildar of Maudacolum relative to the repair of a Sluice in the Selloor Tank, I have the honor to state, that there is no doubt whatever that the work was not performed in accordance with the particulars of the Estimate, nor does Renga Row in his letter say that it was — What he says is, that previous to the commencement of the work he went to the tank in company with Toondey Maistry and explained to him the directions as given in the Diary; if

so,

so, Toondey Maistry, under whose im-
-mediate superintendence the work
was performed, is the party in fault,
unless he can prove that his directi-
-on's to the bricklayers were overruled
by the Natamgars, which is very often
the case - It is only of late years
that there has been any attention what-
-ever paid to the particulars of the
Estimate, and the Natamgars, even
at the present time, are not very care-
-ful to execute the work in accordance
therewith - Their idea appears to be,
particularly in regard to earth work,
that provided the proper quantity is
performed, it matters little where the
earth is deposited - And so with respect
to masonry works. I very often find
them adding to one part and making
a reduction in another to suit their
own fancy, and it was under the idea
that they had done so in this case
that I recommended the balance
of Rs. 9. 12 to be recovered from them
instead of from the Maistry - If,
however, the 2 Maistries did not,

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in the first instance, give the proper directions, the fault is theirs, and they should I think pay the amount between them.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant
W. H. Horsley Capt.
Civil Engineer 8th Dn.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.
Veerapandiaputnam
22d. March 1852

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Civil Engineer's Office 8th D.
Veerapandienputnam
24th March 1852.

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esqre
Collector of Madura

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 238, dated 12th March 1852 forwarding copy of an Arzee from the Tahsildar of Maudacolum on the subject of the Tiroovadagum Channel repairs, I have the honor to state that under the circumstances mentioned by the Tahsildar it would seem impracticable to commence the repairs till the end of April next, but as the Estimate amounts only to Rs. 163.6, there is no reason why the work might not be completed within the time appointed in the Hookum Namah, viz the 15th May, or at all events by the end of May and I beg to suggest that it should be so ordered.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.
W. H. Horsley Capt.
Civil Engineer 8th Divn.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.
Veerapandiaputnam
24th March 1852

No. 84.

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esqre
Collector of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 237, dated 19th March 1852, giving cover to copy of a Tamil Cor-respondence with the Tahsildar of Madacolum and requesting my opinion in reference to the pro-position to defer the execution of the repairs the Nellycoor Tank estimated at Rupees 13 and to perform those to the channel only this year, the number of coolies required for both wor together being more than he can procure.

It is not desirable of course that a Tahsildar should undertake more work than he can properly perform during the working season, and as he is the best judge as to the number of coolies procurable in his Talook, the Nellycoor tank work had better be deferred

and

..t the Channel Repairs were executed during
.. current year. —

I would beg to observe, however, that
.. Tahsildar's Reason for wishing to defer the
..llapur tank work, as far as relates to the water
..ject, does not hold good, inasmuch as he was
..fectly aware, when he asked for the Estimate
.. the tank and Channel, that the water pro-
..t was to be commenced early in the Season,
..d he ought not therefore to have employed
.. time of this Department in preparing Es-
..imates which it would not be in his power
.. carry into effect. —

With Regard to the water project,
.. Lieut. O'Connell has been removed from
.. Division and there seems no probability
.. another Assistant being appointed for some
.. to come, I think perhaps it will be bet-
..r to defer it also until I can come to Ma-
..ra myself to superintend the levelling and
..ting up of Sections for the guidance of the
..k people.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
W. H. Horsley Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Dn

..il Engineer's Office 8th Dn
..apandiemputtum 24th March 1852

No. 92.

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Dn

To

R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to state in reply to your letter No. 370 of the 27th March 1852 that I see no objection to the proposition made by the inhabitants of Iyen Coraveetoray to open a new channel to their fields at their own expense provided they do not make the channel greater in breadth than the former one was, and that they do not draw off more water from the Vadaguurray channel than they are justly entitled to. The Tahsildar should see that the Mitoomd[?] they propose placing at the head of the new channel is of the same size as that now in use.

The Estimate framed by the Talook Maistry, and written in Hindoovee, has a mistake in the first tab, which should be, I

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conclude, 8 × 2 × 2 = 32, instead of 8 × 12 × 2 = 32. — I observe he has allowed only 4 annas per C. ft. for soft rock. — It is strange, if so small a sum as Rupees 28. 2 is sufficient to remove the rock, that this was not done in 1835, the year in which the new Channel is stated to have been commenced. — I would suggest that further enquiry should be made to ascertain whether the rate allowed by the Maistry is sufficient or otherwise. —

The original documents received with your letter are herewith returned. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

W. H. Horsley Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Dn

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn
Cokracolum 1st April 1852

No. 4
From the Civil Engr 8th Division
7th April 1852
With enclosures
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From

2nd Lieut. P. O'Connell.

1st Asst. Civil Engr. 8th Divn.

To

Captn. W. H. Horsley

Civil Engineer

8th Divn.

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 80 dated the 22nd March 1852, I have the honor to inform you that the errors in my Estimate for the repair of the Chittanay Dam, were errors in calculation.

Having been informed by Valayoodom pillay Maistry in my Office that while Taloo Maistry of Madacolum he saw quarry dindoo of the same discription as the Peranai Anicut contains close to the village of Maitoopully at the foot of the Naugamullays I directed him to enter the rate of 2¾ Rupees per Cubic yard in the Estimate as the distance from Maitoopu to the Chittaina dam is only 2 Miles and a Rupees 3¼ per Cubic yard were found sufficient for the Battalagoondoo Anicut where the dindoos were split by Stone Cutters brought a distance of between 5 and

Mile West from the Vicinity of Hill

The rate of Rupees 6¾ per Cubic yard Rs 4 more than paid for the Battalagoondoo Annicut is greater than it is, I think worth while to pay it would pers haps, be better to execute the work of roughly squared stones containing each ¼ of a Cubic yard set in Chunam for the esti= mate rate of Rupees 2¾ per Cubic yard such stones would be washed away if the Chunam were bad a Consideration which led me to prefer large stones without Chunam at the time the estimate was pre= pared —

The Tahsildars urzee Contains no reason that I Can see for the exhorbitant rate of Rs 6¾ per Cubic yard it Contains simply a Statement on the part of the wooden Contractor to whom the Sum is to be paid that Rs 6¾ are required, such Statements are not likely in my opinion to lead to the truth unless more Carefully enquired into than they have been by the Tahsildar.

The rate in the Maruck

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viz Rupees 2 per Cubic yard for old stindoos and 6 annas Carriage per Mile —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Madura District Your Most Obedient Servant
Meyloor Talook (Signed) P. O'Connell 2nd Lt.
Collampully 1st Assistant Civil Engineer
26th March 1832 8th Division

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From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer &c. &c.

To

R. D. Parker Esqre
Collector of Madura

Sir

Given to Veneata Swamy Naik 23rd April 1852

In returning the original Tamil documents which accompanied your letter No 369 dated 27th March 1852, I have the honor to inform you that I have directed Asst Surveyor Mason to inspect the Aqueduct across the supplying Channel of Paravay tank and ascertain the cause of failure. I have also directed him to prepare an Estimate for its repair, which, if there is time to complete the work during the current working season, may be carried into effect as "Emergent", or, if otherwise, as "Ordinary" in 1853, the best arrangements being made in the mean time to secure the present year's revenue from the Channel in question. —

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed[t]. Serv[t].
Ed. P. Horsley Capt.
Civil Engineer 8th. D[n].

Civil Engineer's Office 8th. D[n].
Punthalagoody 14th April 1852.

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From Capt. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th
Punthalagoody
Dated 14 Apl 1852

April 19/5? 57 No. 113

From

Captain W. H. Horsley

Civil Engineer 8th D.

To

R. D. Parker Esqr.

Collector of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward here-with for your approval and Counter-signature an Estimate of Rs 2359-9- for repair of road No. 5 between Meyloor and Tripattoor, prepared by Asst. Surveyor Mc Rae with reference to your letter No. 74, dated 13th May 1851 forwarding an Urzee and enclosure from the Tahsildar of Meyloor, which are herewith returned.—

The Estimate you will observe is divided into 3 parts, of which the first, amounting to Rs 530-7-, requires Government sanction; the second or Rs 836-14- is included in the limits of the Pramalay Devastanum, and should, I am of opinion, be charged to the Devastanum fund in deposit, and the third, or

Rs

Name of any Pramalay fund in deposit

Rs 992 . 4 .. is chargeable to the Shevagunga Zemindary and requires the sanction of the Court of Wards.

The accompanying letter from Asst Surveyor Mc Nair to my address (to be returned) explains clearly the present state of the road and the nature of the repairs recommended, which latter appear to me to be judicious. —

It does not seem practicable to improve the road much between the 6th Mile Stone from Maloor and the commencement of the Shevagunga Zemindary limits, owing to the distance from which good material must be brought, but if the surface of the road is levelled occasionally after rain, the full breadth of 8 yds preserved, and the turfing on the sides attended to, it will be sufficiently good probably for the traffic upon it. —

The practice of the Cultivators encroaching upon the road, noticed by Mr Mc Nair, should be put a stop to. —

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.
W. H. Horsley Capt.
Civil Engineer 8th D.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.
Pumthalagoody 16th April 1852

To

Captain W. H. Horsley

Civil Engineer 8th Division

Sir

7th October 1851. As directed in your letter No. 293 I beg to forward an Estimate for repairing Road No. 5 between Meyloor and Tripatoor in the Madura District and Shevagungah Zemindary amounting to Rupees 2339.

The first six Miles of the Road from Meyloor is in pretty good order and requires little or no repair, except cutting side trenches and raising the Road in parts; but from the 6th Mile to the Shevagungah limits at 8 - 3 - 5 - the road being considerably raised over a low fated swamp and the soil being "Allar," it is in very bad order and becomes very muddy and difficult for bandies during the rains. It is also so much cut up on the sides and is so very narrow in some places that bandies at present are obliged to make a considerable detour to the left. It would be well to gravel this portion of the road but the material cannot be procured, it is said, within a distance of 7 Miles around it, I have, therefore, merely allowed for widening the causeways to 8 Yards and lengthening its side slopes and turfing the same.

Leaving the Meyloor Talook limits the road in the Shevagungah Zemindary for a distance of 953 Yards, having never been properly made is not used in consequence. The earth taken from a large trench on the left side has been thrown on the road and left in that state. This should ... excavating Trenne

constructed at the site site pointed out to the Droistry a Bridge of 8 x 4 in the Cramaputty limits of the Paraumalay Devastanom has been very much damaged by the heavy rains of April last, and the Vneyloor Tasildar has framed two Estimates, one amounting to Rupees 67-7-3 for repairing the damaged portion only, and the other of Rupees 660-1 for constructing a new Bridge of 10 x 8 in lieu, neither of which will not answer the purpose. The abutments and arch of the work are more or less cracked and it should, therefore, be rebuilt from the foundations; and as the damage may be attributed partly to want of sufficient waterway, I would recommend the spot of the Arch being increased to 12 feet and its height reduced to 4 feet, as otherwise the road will be unnecessarily raised. An apron of rough stone, also, should be built in rear to protect the foundations from being undermined. The Paramalay Dumakur tah should be called upon to widen and raise the bund of the Alavunthy Tank which is so low at present that the water is likely to overflow it and injure the road which runs in rear of it for some distance

The remaining portion of the road in the Tripatoor Talook is, generally speaking, in tolerable repair. The Estimate, however, provides for widening the causeways to 8 Yards and the bunds of tanks over which the road passes to 6 Yards, as also for constructing 5 Tunnels and 4 small pavements

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Pavements in the made road round the waterspread of the Pillay tank. The Tripatoor Aumeen should be directed to give his attention to this road and its Avenue trees both which are very much neglected

The withered trees should be removed and others planted in their place and the present practice of the cultivations encroaching upon the road should be put a stop to.

I beg to return the Meylore Tahsildars Urzee with its enclosures received with from letter

Madura District
Pulkanootoo
24th February 1852

I beg to remain Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) D. McNair
Asst Rev. Surveyor
8 Division

No. 118

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Divis

To

R. D. Parker Esqr
Collector of Madura

Sir,

With Reference to your letter No.

dated 14th November 1851, inclosing a Janu

Yadasht from the Sub Collector, with an Es

timate of Rs 151. 2. 6. from the Tahsildar

Nellacottay, for Repairing the Chuttrum at

Cullamunddum on Road No. 23, constructed by

Government in 1847/48 at a cost of Rupees

1062. 1. 3, I have the honor to forward here

with an Estimate of Rupees 206, framed

by Lieut. O'Connell, and which provides f

supports to the extremities of the beams on whi

the terrace rests, the weight of which it appea

from the above Officer's Report, dated 12th Jan

1852, herewith forwarded for your information

and eventual Return to this Office, is too muc

for

Herewith returned with its enclosures

for the walls, also for plastering the said walls and removing the Eastern parapet wall, which is in danger of falling.

The Sub Collector in his Yadasht suggests, that the balance remaining from the Maunium of Rupees 60 per annum, after paying Rupees 12 for the sweeper and Oil, should be appropriated to the above purpose, the expense of repairs being in the mean time advanced by Government.

It seems to me probable, that Government will object to the Maunium being made use of for any other purpose than that for which it was granted, and if no more than Rupees 12 is required for a sweeper and oil, the Government may order the balance to be discontinued in future.

Under these circumstances, if there is no Chuttrum fund in the District to which the amount of the present Estimate might be legitimately charged, it will be better, in my opinion, to solicit the sanction of Government for the same.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

E. W. Horsley Captain

Civil Engineer 8th Dt.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.

Pounthalagrody 19th April 1852

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No. 7

From
2nd Lieut. C. O'Connell
1st Asst. Civil

To
Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Divn

Sir

I have the honor to inform you
I inspected the Cullermuddum C[illegible]
in the Nellaesthea Talook of the Ma[illegible]
District on the 8th of December 1851
accordance with the directions conta[illegible]
in your letter No. 316 dated 27th November
and found that the terrace was crack[illegible]
all along the inner edges of the walls a[illegible]
small portions of the wall had fallen [illegible]
under the beams on which the terrace [illegible]

The walls being of brick in [illegible]
11 feet in height and 1½ feet in thickness
built with wide joints between the br[illegible]
and being but imperfectly protected f[illegible]
the rain by the terrace roof seems to h[illegible]
been pushed out by the weight of [illegible]
terrace; it is as yet very slightly

-dicular and would stand
of the weight of the terrace

d from the same

I have prepared the enclosed
ate which provides for erecting
s for the support of the extremities
he beams now resting on the walls,
lastering the walls and removing
eastern parapets wall which stands
ely on its base that it may fall
do some injury if not removed

I have &c.
Signed P. O'Connell 2nd Lieut
1st Asst Civil Engr &c.

-nevelly District
-nyamal Talook
-aithoorykal
2nd January /52

To, 87 Answered 24 May 52

R. D. Parker Esqr.
Collector of Madura

May 15/52

Sir,

I respectfully beg to report the follow-
-ing circumstance which took place between
11 & 12 O'Clock this morning.

While the foundations &c of the
Shenmain berroopoo Calingulah were in excavation
the Tripatore Civil Peishcar of the Treq'r-
-mellah Dharstarmum Thimbevani, and the
+about four Poor Mahimahshaw came with the Head Villager
& others in a gang and threatened the workmen,
Cows, & Maistry, without first acquainting or
giving me even due notice on the subject & stopp[illegible]
the work by getting a few men of his party to
stretch themselves on the Plat of Ground where the
excavation was in progress; and accordingly the [illegible]
Maistry made a report to me of the same &
upon hearing this I went to the spot immedi-
-ately & ordered the work to get on, when the
above-said Peishcar insisted that as the ground
is his it should not be carried on & urged his
party to fall prostrate on the ground of excavation
which they did in my presence, but to this I
paid no particular attention & continued carrying
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the work into execution when the Villagers of the instigation of the Peishcar & himself began ma- king use of not only impudent, but a bad language, & showing & striking a few of the workmen; thus when I found I was opposed in every way I could not succeed in getting on with the work I was obliged to leave it altogether, as a great number are even now on the spot who intend, should I attempt going on with the work, to prevent me doing so by unlawful and Harsh means.

I am given to understand that the ground on which the Calingulah is to be built & the new route of excavation to be cut for the River is almost the very spot the present River once did pass by, but from the Choomanikeerapoo Channel receiving a very great supply of water from the Pallar River, the latter consequently turned its course to the indirect manner as shown in my Diary. Further if observed it will be seen that the Mahdoorapauhutte Villagers, from the course of the River being bent & not direct as formerly, they were obliged to form a Channel to the East of the former one, just at the very part where the River is turned & nearer to the present Calingulah so as to receive a better supply of water,

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so by this it will be observed that if the present route of the River was of standing years, a new Channel would not have been excavated, but the old one continued; but as the River has been transformed only some years ago, consequently a new Channel was also formed; so that this itself is enough to show whether the present route of the River is of standing years, or of late; and on account of the above-said two Channels, the River in this part was changed, & the spot where I am now excavating, from Sand & Earth having deposited itself for some years past, they the Ryots consequently ploughed & sowed on the spot, & I further beg to add that the Ground where the River now passes through & the surrounding lands belong to the Sirkar Davul, but I am sure by excavating a new route for the River, no loss can ensue as the quantity of land now intended to be excavated; as much, if not more will be left at their disposal, by the present route of the River, when closed up.

I beg to state also that should the Davustannum Individuals think they are unjustly dealt with, they should have appealed to higher authorities, but not to take the law

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on their own hands by not only stopping the work by illegal means, & then opposing me & my subordinates, but also making use of inappropriate language, when actually upon Government duty, and I therefore beg that the case will be enquired into & due satisfaction given me.

I further wrote to the Tripatore Police Ameen immediately after the row had subsided, to come over soon & give me assistance, but up to this moment nothing has been done; and I therefore beg the Police Ameen will be ordered to come over himself & give me every assistance requisite to such a degree as to allow me to go on with the work without the least hesitation. The Tripatore Revenue Ameen even has not given me the least assistance, nor did he up to this come over here since the day I arrived.

As the work is actually necessary & must be carried out swiftly, & as the Chunam & Bricks &ca are all nearly ready, should there be any delay, a great loss will ensue to Government, not only from the materials turning old, but also by the Calingulah not being built this year, more than ten villages will

will suffer thereby, & of course, Government also.

I beg to enclose two Mahzurnammahs, for your Satisfaction, and trust in my doing so, there will be no harm.

I beg to remain

Sir,

Your Most Obedient and

Very Humble Servant

J. H. Kemp

Sub: Assist. Surveyor

7th Divn

Camp Morraoor
13th May 1852

I have made known the above circumstance to Captain Horsley also this day by Post.

183 No. 168.

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer
8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of
Madura

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 593 of 26th May 1852, transmitting the several Original Arzees and their enclosures from the Tahseldar of Ramnacolum, herewith returned, on the subject of the Thovaryman Channel repairs of 1851, and to state in reply, that to my mind the Tahsildar's Arzee of the 5th March 1852 is most unsatisfactory and inconclusive, and leads me to doubt the truth of the statement therein made, that the sides of the above Channel were sloped subsequently to my visit in June 1851.

1851. The Tahsildar states that he visited the Channel on the 21st February 1852, and examined the work and found it Correct, and, immediately after, adds, that the late freshes have removed the earth and obliterated the Slopes, that is, some fresh which happened between the above date and the 5th March, the date of his Arzee.

It is strange that the said Slopes should have withstood the effects of the freshes of the 3 or 4 previous months, during which we may suppose there was more water in the river than there was in the month of February or beginning of March of this year, and yet have been obliterated immediately after the Tahsildar's visit on the 21st February 1852. Moreover, the evidence of the parties, whom he brings forward, to prove that the extra work was done

done, does not state in what month the sides of the channel were sloped, nor is any mention made by the Maistry in his report of the 1st. November 1852 of any sloping having been done. All that he measured, apparently, was Rs 19-11-10 worth of work executed at the head of the channel, remaining at the time of my examination, and Rs 32. 5. 4 of additional work performed in various parts of the same, as is shewn by the account accompanying the Tahsildar's Arzee of the above date.

I learn from your Takeed to the Tahsildar dated 8th May 1852, that Assistant Surveyor McNair visited the channel on the 26th October 1852 and made no mention in his Diary of that date of the work having been performed, neither did I hear anything of the matter

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when I was at Shovaryman on the 1st December following. Had the Slop-ing been duly attended to at the time of my visit, it is most probable that the parties interested would have presented themselves either to me, or to you, who were with me at the time, and requested that the full rate might be allowed.

The Hookumnamah di-rects that all earth work to tanks and channels is to be completed by the 15th October at latest, where-as it would appear that the Sloping was not done when McNair visited the work on the 26th idem, and under these circumstances, and as a punish-ment to the Natamgars, who have again and again been directed to slope the sides of channels under excavation, I would suggest that the reduction of 1 pice per Cubic yard, recommend-ed in my diary of 9th June 1851, should be confirmed, and the balance on the

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Estimate Carried to the Credit of Govern-
-ment -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
[illegible] Horsley Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Division

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn
Tuticorine 3rd June 1852

No. 256.

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

Sir

With reference to the remarks contained in my Diary (General Observations) of 31st May 1851, I have the honor to forward herewith for your approval and Countersignature a plan and estimate for bridging the Goondaur, one mile South of Thiroomungalum on Road No 4, the latter amounting to Rs 8025 - 6 -

Sent Separately

The bridge will consist of 6 arches of 30 feet span and 7½ feet rise, supported on piers 3 feet in height above the bed of the river, the foundations being of rough stone in Chunam laid at an average depth of 6 feet, partly on kunkar and partly on stiff Clay -

Any -

My object in recommending a Bridge over the Goondaur is that the communication between Madura and Palamcotta may be open for Carts &c at all seasons, which would hardly be the case if this river were left without a Bridge.—

Plans and Estimates for bridging the several Rivers which inter-sect Road No 4 in the Tinnevelly District are likewise being submitted at the present time for sanction.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant
E. W. Horsley Capt
Civil Engineer 8th Division

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn
Kasmajorpoorum 14th August 1852

From
The Civil Engr 8 Dn
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From

Captain W. H. Horsley

Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esquire

Collector of Madura

Sir

With reference to para 2 of my letter of the 13th July 1852, No. 206, I have the honor to furnish you with working plans of the 3 Bridges to be constructed on Road No. 14 in the Shevagungah Zemindary from the funds of that Estate.

As the Estimate for the Bridge across the Serocanny River appears to have been corrected since it left this Office, I shall feel obliged if you will send me a Memo of the Corrections, that my Office Copy of the same may be made to correspond with the Sanctioned Estimate.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

E. W. Horsley Capt.

Civil Engineer 8th Division

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.

Casmajorpoorum 16th August 1852

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From the Civil Engr.

8th Division

16th August 1852

No 243.

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Dn.

To

R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's order No 471, Communicating Extract from the Mins of Cons under date the 31st July 1852, No 251, I have the honor to request you will inform me whether any special arrange=ments already exists for the repair of the made roads in your District from the Discretion=ary allowance or from other funds at your disposal, and if so what those arrangements are.

On the 13th December 1845 I fur=nished your Office with a Copy of a State=ment of made roads in Madura and Dindigul, showing the proposed Annual outlay per mile for Ordinary repairs, Cal=culated

-culated at different rates for different kinds of Soil, as mentioned in the N. B. at the foot of the Statement. Thus for Road No 4, the whole distance from the Northern to the Southern boundary of the District is 80½ Miles and the proposed average an-nual outlay per mile for Ordinary re-pairs is Rs 55½, or for the whole distance Rs 4467½ per annum and so on for the other made roads.

To ensure immediate attention to the trifling repairs, which are always more or less necessary after every fall of rain, I would suggest that Coolies, or Wudders if they can be had, should be employed on monthly pay, say 3½ Rs per mensem, and one Cooly or Wudder to every 2 Miles of road, and a Road peon upon 5 Rupees a month to every 10 men, or 20 miles of road. Thus for Road No 4, as above, there would be 4 Road peons and 40 Coolies, upon a total yearly salary of Rupees 1920, which de-

deducted from the proposed outlay would
leave Rupees 2547 ¾, or about Rs 31½ per
mile for material, Cart hire &c - Each
Cooly should have his 2 miles of road
allotted to him, and be required to live
in the immediate vicinity of the road, and
as nearly as possible in the centre of his
Charge. He should be provided with a
hut to live in and also with a pickaxe,
Mamotie and rammer - He should fur-
-ther be required to be constantly on the
road filling in ruts and gullies and tamp-
-ing the surface, particularly after rain.
Heaps of gravel should be collected on
the sides of the road and occasionally a
few extra Coolies to be paid from the
remaining 31½ Rupees per mile, might
be employed to spread and tamp the new
gravel - It should be the duty of the Co
-pong to superintend the work of the Coo-
-ies, and to do this effectually he should
moreover at least 6 miles a day, poin-
-ing out to each Cooly where repair is

re-

requisite, and, on his return, seeing that it has been attended to.

As a check upon the Road Peons they should be required to report weekly to the Tahsildars within their range, the number of miles of road visited and the state it is in. The Tahsildars themselves should from time to time inspect the road and report the result to the Hoozoor.

Should a cooly, or Road peon, leave the road without permission he should be dismissed & another appointed in his place, and in cases of temporary absence on leave, he should be required to find a substitute.

The above appears to me to be the best arrangement for keeping in repair the made roads throughout the District of Madura and Dindigul. It is not so much fresh material that is required as a person on the spot to relay and tamp the existing material

after

after every heavy shower of rain, for the best material will give away under the pressure of heavy cart wheels when the surface of the road is damp - A rut once formed becomes a receptacle for water, and with water in the ruts, the wheels soon force their way through the metalling and make the ruts deeper and deeper -

I shall feel obliged if you will give me your opinion of the above arrangement, and also favor me with any suggestions on the subject that may occur to you in order that I may Communicate the same to the Board of Revenue in the D. P. W. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
E. T. F. Horsley Capt.
Civil Engineer 8th Dn.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.
Casimgorpoorum 18th August /52

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From the Circuit
Eighth Division
18th August 1852

To

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer

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Sir

I beg respectfully to inform you that I have nothing to enter in my report from 1st to 15th excepting 1 Side Drain 120'x4'x7' in Butchers Street leading from Marrett to Vellea Vedhi and one Inverted Arch Pavement 108'x18'x3/4' in Vellea Vedhi. The whole of the works are under progress, and will be finished in 8 or 10 days.

A proposal has been made by the inhabitants of some small streets leading into Butchers Street on the

East Side; to pay for the construction of Drains provided they are furnished with Stones from the Fort Funds. There are 5 Streets averaging 12' in breadth.

I beg respectfully to remain
Your most obd^t. Servant
W. H. Bywater
Ass^t. Overseer

Madura
16th August 1852

Rec^d. 18th
Desp^d. 19th Do.

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the No 86
Stones
required
to return
they are
available

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No. 248.

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

J. Clarke Esqr.
Sub Collector of Madura in Charge

Sir

As requested in a letter from the Collector of Madura No. 954 dated 23rd Ultimo I have the honor to furnish you with a memo. of Corrections to be applied to the Estimate for constructing a Bridge of arches of 30 x 7½ across the Goondaur on Road No. 4 from Madras to Quilon.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
W. H. Horsley Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Division

Civil Engrs. office 8th Dn.
Casmajorpoorum
1st September 1852

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From the Circuit Cou

3rd Division

1st Septr 1802

With 1 enclosure

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T. Clarke Esqr.

Sub Collector & Joint Magte.

of Madura, in Charge

Sir,

I am sorry to complain that the comple-tion of the road, the making of which I have been lately superintending, has been obstructed by the mussulmen Lubbies, who have a Pullivasal midway on the south side of it. This Pullivasal is situated on the old Fort Glacis, through which it is that this road has been mainly cut.

I have been making the road according to the plan made & marked out many years ago by Mr. Blackburne, & from land marks laid down in his time, & I remember this plan was then agreed to by these mussulmen, & if I dont mistake, some com-pensation was then given them for the small strip of land of their Pullivasal compound that was taken into the road.

Many people's lands & the land of a Hin-doo Muddum were included in this plan, & not one of them has objected to my carrying it out.

When I first got to their Pullivasal the mussulmen complained that they were about to lose by my line more land than they had agreed to give & engaged, if I would make the road on the other side of their compound, & then draw the line, they would con-

to it.

I accordingly did make the road on the other side, as you will see by visiting the spot; & when I drew the line on Friday last across their land, they objected to the loss of so much as it cut off. I consequently took away the line & gave up the question to be settled between the Circar & them. Happening to return that way again the same morning, they stopt me, & said they were willing to give up a portion, & they themselves marked that portion off, bargaining that I should build a wall for them, which I agreed to do. & that day & the next the Prisoners & Coolies worked upon their line, & again yesterday – when happening to come to a few old bones they interferred & protested against the work going on, & it has been stopped.

Hearing that the Mussulmen had come to complain to you, I also came to answer it, & not finding them at your Cutcherry, I reported the case briefly to you. I now write to you to suggest your instituting the needful enquiry & arranging for the completion of the work, for it will be a pity to leave so great & good a public work in it's present state, on account of a few stray bones. I should mention, by the by, that not a few bones were turned up, when the road was partially made in Mr. Blackburne's time, & at that time the Mussulmen did not make such a fuss about it, as they are now doing. Besides I can prove that their main – nay their only argument – that of the Sanctity

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of their burial grounds, is utterly false & worthless. I can prove that they have trafficed in and sold tracts of burial grounds with the graves and bones of their Fathers in fifty instances in the Town of Madura alone. I annex a list of a few that I can recollect at the present moment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
[illegible]

Madura
7th September
1852

1. The Mussalmen sold their burial ground which was to the south of the Blackburn testimonial, & houses are built upon it

2. The ground on which Chetty Vencataroyaloo Chetty new upstair house is built, east of the road going to the Court, was a Mussulman Burial ground, which was sold to him.

3. The ground opposite on which his old house stands was the same.

4. Of the lands belonging to the Pulliwasal w[illegible] of the "good water well" in the south Mansy Vethi, so[me] to the south was taken into the street, some to the w[est] & some to the north have been sold

5. Lands belonging to the Pulliwasul in String[illegible] Tope have been sold.

6. Some of the lands of the Pulliwasul in the eas[t]

Mausy vethi opposite to Vengoo Naick's house have been taken into the street.

7. The land on which the house formerly occupied by Ramakristna Chetty, & now converted into a Chuttrum, stan was Mussulman burial ground, & was sold to Audeppah Chetty for building upon, as was the neighbouring lands to other parties.

8. Some of the lands belonging to the Pullivasal west of Audeppah Chetty's house has been sold.

9. The lands of the Pullivasal situated south of Cooty Naick's house in the west Auvani Moola vethi have been sold to Bramins.

10. Seid Mahamuds Pullivasul lands, were given to the Hd. Savaboomees Streenevasa Iyengar & others to bu upon by the then Collr. Mr. Blackburne, & though he claims the value of the lands, he does not object to the purpose to which it has been put. I am agent in this ca

In all these lands graves & bones may now be seen.

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To

J Clarke Esqr

Sub Collector & Joint Magte

in charge of Madura

With reference to my letter to your

p of the 7 Instant inclosed is a list of

Mussulmen who chiefly obstructed the road

the South Vellea Vethie.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient & humble

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No. 266.

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Divn

To

T. Clarke Esqr
Sub Collector of Madura
in charge

Sir

With reference to my letter No. 264, dated 14th Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith for your information, and eventual return to this office, an original letter No. 118, dated 10th Instant, from Captn Hickley in charge of the Branch Cotton Road, reporting that a heavy flood, having filled a tank above the Setarigapoorum Bridge, the surplus water so increased the Ordinary stream as to carry away the bund in front of the work, together with the centrings and about 12 Cyds of Archwork.—

In reporting this circumstance to

the Board of Revenue in the D. P. W. it will be necessary to give some explanation of the cause of delay in the execution of this work, which has been at a stand still for so many months. At first, that is in the months of March and April, the delay was on account of there being no fire wood wherewith to burn the bricks. This cause of delay was removed in April after strong representations from me to the Police Ameen of Carnothi and to the Revenue Ameen of Pulleemaddem. Subsequently several attempts were made to make bricks for this work without success, owing to frequent heavy showers of rain in the months of May and June. At length, however, bricks were made, and then came the difficulty about bandies to transport them to the work, as reported in Captain Hickley's letter of the 8th Instant, forwarded with mine above referred to.—

It is my opinion that there has been great neglect from first to last on the part of the local Officers and particularly

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on that of the Police Ameen of Camathi, who has been again and again directed to render every assistance to the Officer in charge of this work, and had he done so, it is more than probable the arches of of the Setarajapooram Bridge would have been turned and the centrings removed before the occurrence of the fresh which has caused the accident.—

As I do not, however, wish to attach blame to any party without due cause, I shall feel obliged if you will enquire into the cause of delay and give me your opinion as to whether the whole loss should fall upon Government, or whether the local Officers should bear a part of it on account of their remissness.—

What the value of the work which has been carried away is I do not know at present, but I will let you know as soon as I hear the same from Captain Hickley.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
J. T. Horsley Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Dn.

Civil Engr. Office 8th Dn.
Trimanacoorchy
14th September 1852

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No 118

To

The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Palamcotta

Sir

1 I have the honor to report that a heavy flood having filled a [illegible] [illegible] the Setarajapooram Bridge the surplus water so increased the volume of stream as to carry away the sand protecting the cement work, and the centering together with about 120 yards of [illegible]

2 As there seems no prospect of doing anything further in this work that will probably be swept away at the commencement of the impending Monsoon. I have directed its discontinuance and shall take measures for the protection of the portions at present unrepaired.

3 I have meanwhile commenced proceedings with a view to obtain the amount due by the Brick contractors as/ advance [illegible] [illegible] under [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that they will complete their contract by the 15th December next.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
[illegible] Captain
E.E.

[illegible]

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To

T. Clark Esqr.
Sub Collector of Madura in Charge

Sir

I beg respectfully to enclose 2 Estimates for Drains in the Town and request that you will be pleased to Sanction the amount from the Fort Funds.

In consequence of the late heavy rain, a portion of a Tavaard House in Jadarmoney Coil Vedhi fell down, partly owing to the Drains being stopped with the loose mud lying in the street, as the Drains were not finis[hed] but the principal cause of the House falling, was that it had no foundation being built on a level with the street, the circumstance was reported to Mr. Hodgson, the Head Assistant Collec[tor] who visited the spot. I would respectf[ully] recommend that for the future the Drains &c. to be built should be given on Contract, to some proper person instead of being done by Coolies, as the present way of working makes them more expensive than if done by contra[ct] a great portion of the Drains in the Jadarmoney Vedhi will have to be [illegible] the rain has broken them

[I] do not think there is any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] must be stopped

up the loss will fall on the Fort Funds which are at present unable to stand against many calls.

The Estimate for the Drains leading from the north Wanaly Moodley Vedhi to Mossa Vedhi was made by Chokalingum Maistry, in May 1848. for Rupees 53. 15. 1, (the present Estimate is only Rs. 40. 10), but as the Inhabitants were not willing to pay for the Drains the Estimate was never done. the people are now anxious to have Drains constructed. as the lane crosses the end of the Paudian Ditch and is in a very filthy, dirty state, sufficient to produce sickness to any extent, the Inhabitants would now rather part with a few Rupees, than put up with the nuisance any longer. The Stones to be furnished from the Fort Funds.

The Drains in the

Chittia Vrahi, are also very much required as the Sepoy Guard on the Cutcherry, complain greatly of the stench arising from the filth of the Houses lodging in the Streets and there being no Drains to carry it off.

I beg respectfully to remain
Your most obedient Servant
C. H. T. Bywater Asst. Overseer
8th Division

Madura
27th Septr. 1852

No 222

To

R. D. Parker Esqre

Collector of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Copy of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26th July 1852 Communicat[ing] the orders of Government of the 29th July last, for the sale of such part of the "Lines" as not required for the Detachment, with your letter No 952 dated 23d August 1852.

The Strength of the Detachment under my Com=mand is as per margin* and with reference to your letter above alluded to I have the hon[or] to inform you, that all the houses in except of this number can be disposed of

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1 Subidar
1 Jemidar
5 Havildars
5 Naiques
1 Drummer
70 Privates
1 Puckally
1 Reg Lascar
1 Fort Lascar
1 Dhobee
1 Barber

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

H. M. Gurroghs(?) Lieut
Commanding Madura

Madura
2d November
1852

No 320

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

Sir,

With reference to a letter from the Sub Collector in charge dated 23d October 1852 forwarding for my information an original Arzee and enclosures from the Tahsildar of Thirumungalum (herewith returned) on the subject of a Pavement to be constructed on Road No 25 in the limits of Sattangoody, I have the honor to state that after a personal inspection of the place I am of opinion that a pavement will not answer in such a position, and that it would be better to construct a Bridge in lieu thereof as per accompanying Plan and Estimate making use of the materials already collected for the pavement in the foundations and wing walls of the Bridge. The Estimate for the Bridge is of the same amount as that sanctioned for the Pavement, and there can be no question

-tion that the former will be more convenient to the public and offer less obstruction to the flow of water down the channel than the latter.

Should you agree with me in opinion, I request you will do me the favor to counter-sign and return the Plan and Estimate for submission to the Board of Revenue in the D. P. W. for sanction.

It is impracticable at the present season of the year to carry into effect either Pavement or Bridge, and therefore I directed the Tahsildar to make an opening in the front embankment and let the water from the Goondaur flow on to the Venkatasamoodrum Tank agreeably to the request of the ryots.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
[signature] Capt.
Civil Engineer 8th Dn.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Division
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Dindigul 9th Novr. 1852

From T. Clarke Esquire
Sub Collector

To R. D. Parker Esquire
Collector of Madura

Sir,

9th Novr. 1852 No. 325.

I have the honor to annex, for your information, Copy of a Letter to my address received yesterday from the Civil Engineer of the 8th Division on the subject of the Puthoyoontah Vurellnaie; and also to return the original Yadast and its enclosures therein alluded to.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
T. Clark
Sub. Collr.

No. 325

From Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To T. Clarke Esquire
Sub Collector of Madura.

Sir:

With reference to a Yadast from your Office to that of the Collector, dated 30th October 1852, on the subject of the Vurrawai in Butlagoondah, I have the honor to inform you that having ascertained from the Tahsildar of Nellacottah that the water flows freely into the Channel at present without the aid of Dam stones, I am of opinion they may be dispensed with altogether. The balance of last year's Ordinary Estimate need not therefore be re-entered in the List for 1853.

As the Collector, in his letter No. 1195 dated 5th Instant, requests me to make a direct communication to you on the subject, I accordingly

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accordingly do so; and, at the same time, return the original Yadust and its enclosures received with his Letter.

I have &c &c
(Signed) W. H. Horsley Capt.
Civil Engr 8th Dn

Civil Engrs Office
8th Division
Dindigul
8th Novr 1852.

(True Copy)

E. Clark
Sub Collr

No. 198 of 1852. 227 Madura Subte. Court
27th November 1852

From
C. H. Woodgate Esqre.
Subordinate Judge

To
R. D. Parker Esqre.
Collector of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information a copy of an Istyaur issued in O.S. No. 244 of 1852 on the file of the Subordinate Court.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant

C H Woodgate

Subte. Judge

Exd. R. J. Khurri [illegible]

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(Signed) [illegible]
Sub Judge

True Copy

[illegible]
Sub Judge

No. 1284

To

R. D. Parker Esquire

Collector of Madura

Sir,

With reference to memo of the [illegible] ultimo, I respectfully beg to state that the [illegible] tenets for a [illegible] Butchery in the [illegible] which to be erected at Shengumpet was for[illegible] warded to the Civil Engineer, but the same was returned, requesting that Duplicate Plans of the Butchery should accompany the estimate one for the Board [illegible] on cloth, and the other for the use of the Collector's Department, but as [illegible] deemed it requisite, I revised the Estimate which [illegible] Plans, are all [illegible] with the exception of the Board's Copy [illegible] cloth, which [illegible] your office on the 5 October & 7 November last.

I beg to remain

Sir,

Your most Obedient and

Very humble Servant

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[illegible]

[illegible] Inspectors

[illegible] December 1858

[illegible] Superintendent [illegible]

No. 356

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dt
Thiroomungalum
18th December 1852

From

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Divn

To

R. D. Parker Esqr
Collector of Madura

Sir

With reference to my Diary of General Observations of the 29th October last I have the honor to transmit herewith a Plan and Estimate of Rupees 256.8. for erecting an additional ward for low caste patients, together with a dead room, to the Civil Hospital in the Town of Madura.—

2. These additions were represented to me by the Civil Surgeon to be absolutely necessary for the efficiency of the Hospital, and at his request, accordingly, I prepared the accompanying Plan and Estimate.—

3. Should they meet with your approval

I request you will be so good as to return them with your countersignature for submission to the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works for sanction —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
E. W. Horsley Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Dn.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn.
Thiroomungalum
18th December 1852

No. 358

From

Captain W. H. Horsley

Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esqre

Collector of Madura

Sir,

As requested in a letter No. 987 dated 31st August 1852 from the Sub Collector in charge, I have the honor to furnish you with a Revised Estimate framed by Asst. Surveyor Mason, and amounting to Rupees 377 . . , with Plan accompanying for constructing a tiled communication between the 2 Bungalows at Dindigul forming the Sub Collector's Cutcherry, and to inform you that, in my opinion, the sanction of Government is requisite before the work can be commenced. —

Should you deem it advisable that the Plan and Estimate should be submitted for Sanction, I request you will be so good as to return them to me with your countersignature affixed. —

I take this opportunity also to forward for your approval and countersignature an Estimate of Rupees 517. 15 for Repairing the Roof of the South Bungalow of the same Cutcherry, which was represe

ed to me by the Sub Collector to leak in several places, and for painting the doors and windows and repairing the curtains. This Bungalow has not, as far as I am aware, had any outlay upon it for some years past. — It was the North Bungalow and the out-houses which were repaired in 1850 at a cost of Rupees 345. 3, as entered in the bill of that year. —

The Tamil documents received with the letter from the Sub Collector in charge above referred to are herewith returned. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

W. R. Horsley Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Divn.

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Divn.
Shevacautee 21st Decr. 1852

From the Civil Engineer 8 Divn
21 Decr 1852

No. 369

To

Captain W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

To

R. D. Parker Esqre
Collector of Madura

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1317, dated 13th Instant, in reply to mine of the 14th September last, I have the honor to state that although no stipulation was made in the Contract for bricks given by Ensign Lawford, the late Superintendent of the Branch Cotton Road, that the Contractor should be supplied with firewood, it must have been understood that such was to be the case, and the correspondence between the above Officer and yourself, beginning in July /51, shows that it was soon felt to be absolutely necessary, as the Contractors could not cut down trees without an order from the Ramnad Authorities. - The rate of Rs 1. 14 per thousand bricks certainly included the price of firewood, but this was simply the contract price at which they were to be charged

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for on the settlement of the account, the sums paid to the Contractors from time to time being viewed in the light of advances simply. You speak of it being an anomaly for Brick Contractors to have Police assistance to obtain firewood. I am aware that in the Government Taluks of Madura and Dindigul, where firewood is abundant and cheap, that it is usual for the Contractor to make his own bargain with the wood cutters, but never theless it occasionally happens even in Madura, when firewood of a superior description, such as tamarind, is required, that the Tahsildar does render assistance to the Brick and Chunam Contractors. The Tahsildar of Thirumangalam mentioned to me an instance in point where the Vandacolum Tahsildar wrote to him for firewood for the use of the Contractors who had engaged to supply bricks for the Madura town water project. In the District of Tinnevelly bordering on the Ramnad Zemindary, where wood is scarce as it is in Ramnad, so far from it being an anomaly for Brick Contractors to have Police assistance to obtain firewood, it is of common occurrence, and the Tahsildar of Sautoor is at the present

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time rendering this assistance to the Contractors who are making bricks for the Branch Cotton Fo[...] in his Taluk limits. Had the Poly Ummum[...] of Camathee rendered assistance from the first I believe there would have been little or no trouble in procuring firewood in the Ramnad limits. Th[...] it was in his power to render the assistance is clear from the assurance he gave me in April 18[...] at the time when a further advance was made f[...] bricks, that he would take care that there should be no further difficulty about firewood. This was when I was in temporary charge of the [...]. And since then, as you observe, Captain Hickley made very little complaint on this head. —

I quite agree with you that it was the duty of the Superintendent to take care that the firewood supplied to the Contractors was pai[d] for, and had it been brought to my notice when I took charge, that the price of the firewood was still due, I would have investigated the matter and paid the money accordingly. — But no men=tion of it was made to me and I naturally con=cluded that it had been paid. — The advance for bricks made by me in April 1852 was given into

into the Comottee Police Ameen's hands and be paid it to the Contractor. — If the Ameen knew of any sum being due for firewood he should have brought it to my notice and the matter would have been disposed of at once. — Not only was it not brought to my notice, but it was not till the month of August that any intimation of the fact was made to Captain Hickley, the present temporary Superintendent, from whom I learn that the sum of Rs 71, due to the Meerdaurum of Rasmaswarum, has since been paid, and that the further claim of the Ryots is under enquiry. —

As regards the felling of improper trees, I consider that it was the duty of the Moneygar, or Village Authorities, to have pointed out to the Contractors what trees were to be felled, and to have taken care that none others were felled. — It is not to be supposed that the Contractor could carry his point against the Moneygar and Village Authorities if the latter had resisted the felling of other trees than those pointed out to him. — I cannot agree in opinion with the Head Assistant Collector that it was the duty of the Asst. Overseer to see that the Contractors did not cut

down

down improper trees. The Asst. Overseer had nothing whatever to do with the felling of trees, his duties required his constant attention on the road to muster the Coolies morning and evening and set up sections for their guidance. Moreover he could not know which tree might be cut and which might not. It was a matter for the Village Authorities to settle with the Contractors. The complaint made by the Pundarum under date the 30th January /52, that Ensign Lawford sent Peons to take trees by force, was stated by the latter to be unfounded.

You quite misunderstood me in regard to the Approaches to the Bridge across the Setha-rajahpoorum Stream. What I said and meant was that the metalling to the said Approaches could not be proceeded with until the height had been reduced. The Bridge work might have gone on at the same time that the approaches were being lowered, and, in fact, did go on as long as there was a supply of bricks.

In respect to Cart hire I am informed by Captain Hickley that the hire paid on the Branch Cotton Road has usually been

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at the rate of 5 annas per diem for Carts employed in conveying stone, Chunam, Sand, water &c. and the same for those conveying bricks, the number of bricks to be brought per diem being regulated by the distance. After the month of July 18[illegible], when difficulties arose on this score, Captain Hickley authorized Asst. Overseer Franklin to give 6 or even 7 annas per diem on the same conditions as to distance. Now Considering that 5 annas per diem is quite as much, if not more, than the Ryots are in the habit of being paid in their own villages for a bandy and pair of bullocks, and that the Superintendent had authorized an increase if necessary, I do not think there was really any thing to complain of in respect of the hire tendered by the Road Department. If the bullocks were required for ploughing that of course is another matter; but it should be borne in mind that the difficulty about bandies was removed the instant a properly constituted person arrived from Ramnad, which was not however till some time in September, the presence of some such Official having been applied for by Captain Hickley

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in July, and again in his Diaries dated
and 1st September.

It remains only for me to not[ice the]
remark contained in the Head Assist[ant's]
that the hire of the bandies supplied [ac-]
cording to the Statement of the Muttoo Row
not been paid up to this time. I have enquire[d]
of Captain Hickley whether he is aware of any
hire for bandies being still due, and he inform[s]
me that he knows nothing of it. If due at
all it must be from the Government and not
from the Contractors, as they do not pay for the
carriage of bricks, but to the best of his know-
ledge all just claims have been settled.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

W H Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

Civil Engineer's Office 8th Do.
Vizianapettah
30th December 1852
Despd. 31st Do.

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